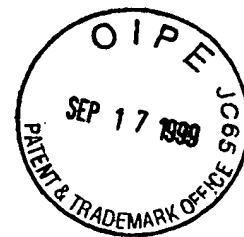


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### DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that: My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name. I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled **VOUCHERLESS REBATE SYSTEM** the specification of which was filed on May 18, 1999 as Application Serial No. 09/314,424.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims. I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, S1.56(a).

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, S120 of any United States applications(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, S112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, S1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application: Serial Number 08/018,821 filed February 18, 1993, Serial Number 08/172,221 filed December 23, 1993, Serial Number 08/08/429,758 filed April 27, 1995, Serial Number 08/493,396 filed June 22, 1995, and Serial Number 08/843,424 filed April 15, 1997.

I hereby appoint Leo Stanger, Reg. No. 19,188 to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith, and authorize him to enter a docket number at the top of this declaration. Address all correspondence to **Leo Stanger, 382 Springfield Avenue, Summit, NJ 07901**. Please address all telephone calls to telephone No. **908-277-8588**.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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**VERIFIED STATEMENT CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY STATUS FOR SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN**

I hereby declare that **EVERY PENNY COUNTS, INC.** is a business concern which qualifies as a small business concern as defined in 37 CFR 1.9 - namely, (1) whose number of employees, including those of its affiliates, does not exceed 500 persons; and (2) which has not assigned, granted, conveyed, convey or license, and is under no obligation under contract or law to assign, grant, convey or license, any rights in the invention to any person who could not be classified as an independent inventor if that person had made the invention, or to any concern which would not qualify as a small business concern or a nonprofit organization under this section; and that the exclusive rights to the invention have been conveyed to and remain with the above-identified small business concern.

I acknowledge the duty to file, in this application or patent, notification of any change in status resulting in loss of entitlement to small entity status prior to paying, or at the time of paying, the earliest of the issue fee or any maintenance fee due after the date on which status as a small entity is no longer appropriate. (37 CFR 1.28(b))

I further declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like, so made, are punishable by fine or imprisonment or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful, false statements may jeopardize the validity of the patent application or any patent issuing thereon.

**SMALL BUSINESS CONCERN: EVERY PENNY COUNTS, INC.**

By: **BERTRAM V. BURKE**

Signature:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bertram V. Burke".

Title: President

Date:

9-8-99

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